



This February, Florida celebrates CTE Month and a historic milestone: earning the **#1 ranking in Workforce Education**—five years ahead of schedule.

Florida's technical colleges, school districts, Florida College System institutions, **and statewide initiatives like Florida Ready to Work** continue to prepare students and job seekers for high-demand careers while fueling economic growth across the state.

Florida Ready to Work plays an essential role in this mission by equipping learners with the foundational employability skills needed for success in every career pathway—strengthening Florida's talent pipeline and supporting workforce readiness across all regions.

We are proud to partner with Florida educators and workforce development partners who made this achievement possible— discover more at GetThereFL.com.



As **CTE Month comes to a close**, it's the perfect time to refocus on the essential skills that prepare learners for success in every career pathway.

Florida Ready to Work equips learners with the employability skills that form the foundation for workplace readiness—but how do these skills translate into real job opportunities? And how can education and workforce partners help learners connect their assessment results to meaningful career paths?

In this session, we'll explore the direct alignment between **Florida Ready to Work achievement levels** and the **U.S. Department of Labor's O*NET Job Zone framework**, giving participants a clear, practical way to guide learners as they match their skills to high-demand occupations.

Attendees will learn how to use **O*NET tools** to help learners explore careers, understand workplace expectations, build stronger resumes with credential-aligned language, and confidently communicate their strengths to employers. Whether you work with youth, adult learners, returning citizens, or career changers, this session will provide actionable strategies to transform academic skill-building into real-world readiness, employability, and upward mobility.

Join us on Wednesday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m. EST.

Click [here](#) to register.

We're planning our 2026 webinar series and would love your input! Click [here](#) to share the topics that would be most helpful for supporting your Florida Ready to Work implementation.

Book Your Florida Ready to Work Strategy Session

It's the perfect time to reconnect and refocus! Book a planning session with your Florida Ready to Work team member to assess progress, align on goals, and explore new opportunities for impact. Let's collaborate to ensure your learners are equipped for success. Contact your Florida Ready to Work Team Member today!

If you are in one of the counties listed below, reach out to **Mariellen Batchelor** at 407.212.7617 or mbatchelor@floridareadytowork.com — or click [here](#) to book a time that works for you.

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- Washington
- Gulf

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